

**REMARKS**

In the instant restriction requirement, the Examiner requested an election of the following groups:

Group I.       Claims 2-6, 13, 14, drawn to a method for the production of intervertebral disk cell transplants.

Group II.      Claims 7-10, 12, 15, drawn to intervertebral disk cell transplant.

Group III.     Claim 11, drawn to a method for testing active substances using the intervertebral disk cell transplants.

Group IV.     Claim 16, drawn to a method for treating affected intervertebral disks using the intervertebral disk cell transplant.

The applicants hereby elect **Group I, Claims 2-6, 13, 14**, without traverse.

The applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected embodiment(s) in a divisional application. Moreover, applicants hereby reserve the right to rejoin embodiments, should rejoinder be appropriate.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires any further extension of time, Applicants respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No.

14-1263.

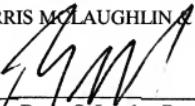
**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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